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Renovation of tanks for irrigation, etc.

* 2887 *Q.*—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was made to the Hon. Chief Minister on 5th May 1955 by the Public of Sowripalayam, Puliyakulam and Odayarpalayam to renovate the old Ammankulam near Coimbatore town for irrigation and drinking water purposes; and

(*b*) if so, when the work is likely to be taken up for execution?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir. The Government however have examined more than once the scheme of restoration of Ammankulam tank but dropped it since it was found not possible to execute the scheme without infringing upon the lower riparian rights of the ayacutdars of the Singanallur tank. It was also found not possible in actual practice to divert the flows in Sanganur Pallam to Ammankulam tank without detriment to the Singanallur tank.

Supply of water from Mettur

* 2888 *Q.*—SRI M. D. THIAGARAJA PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the water at the Mettur reservoir on the 18th and 19th August in 1954 and in 1955;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to supply water to Salem district for a new area under the Left Bank Canal; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that water is being supplied through Right Bank Canal for lands in Coimbatore district.

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*)

	18th August	19th August.
1954	121·3	121·5
1955	68·4	68·5

(*b*) The proposal was deferred some time back but is again under consideration.

(*c*) Yes, Sir.

(* 2889 *Q.*—Postponed to 29th November 1955.)

(* 2890 *Q.*—Not put by the Member.)

Plywood Industry in Malabar

* 2891 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are purchasing plywood for use in Government works; and

(*b*) whether any encouragement is being given by this Government to the Plywood Industry in Malabar and if so, how?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The policy of Government is to provide all reasonable facilities to industries in the State. In order to ensure a sufficient supply of raw materials at steady and reasonable prices for the plywood industry, the Government have ordered that softwood forest coupes in the South Kanara, Wynaad and Palghat forest divisions should be leased to the South Indian Plywood Manufacturers' Association, Feroke, at favourable negotiated rates, instead of being auctioned, as is being done in the case of other forest produce.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE: To what extent the Government purchases plywood from the existing plywood factories in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Plywood is used in Government works only to a very small extent, viz., to provide wooden partition in buildings and making screens and such other items of furniture.

(* 2892 Q.—Postponed to 29th November 1955.)

Language test for Commercial Taxes Service

* 2893 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 1466 given on 19th March 1955.

(a) whether the amendment introducing second-class language test for the Commercial Taxes Service has since been issued and if so, when;

(b) whether any officers of the department who have not passed any language test have been promoted and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government will place a copy of the orders introducing the amendment on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: The particulars are furnished below:—

(a) Yes, Sir. In March 1955.

(b) No Sir.

(c) The amendment to the Special Rules for the Madras Commercial Taxes Service has been published as Notification No. 103, dated 8th March 1955 at page 384 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 16th March 1955. The notification may be referred to.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: May I be informed, Sir, whether the spirit of the assurance given by the Hon. Minister on March 19, has been implemented with regard to the Assistant Commercial Tax Officers and Deputy Commercial Tax Officers?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: After the partition of Andhra a suitable change was made with regard to second language.